(b) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the following major Schemes for development of rural areas of the country including the North-Eastern region:

(i) Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

(ii) Swamjayanti Gram Swarozgar yojana(SGSY)

(iii) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

(iv) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

(v) Rural Drinking Water Supply (RWS)

(vi) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)

(vii) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP)

(viii) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)

(ix) Desert Development Programme (DDP)

(x) National Food for Work Programme

(c) During the year 2003-04 an amount of Rs. 1409.98 crores has been allocated under various Schemes by the Ministry of Rural Development for this purpose.

Utilisation of funds in implementation of Rural Upliftment Schemes

50. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA; Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outlay of Rs. 17,000 crores which the Center gives to the States for various rural upliftment schemes is utilized judiciously and envisioned objectives achieved;

(b) whether 276 separate rural upliftment schemes which are run directly by the Centre are, in addition, to fulfill the desired objectives;

(c) if so, what were the targets fixed and what have been achieved during the last two years; and

(d) if not, have any loopholes been detected and if so, what corrective measures are being adopted in both cases to achieve the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The amount of central allocation to the States for Rural Development programmes varies from year to year. During the year 2004-05, central allocation of Rs. 15,998.40 crores has been made for various rural development and poverty alleviation programmes by the Ministry of Rural Development. Guidelines of all the schemes lays down criteria for judicious utilization of the funds provided by the Central Government. Appropriate monitoring mechanism has also been devised to ensure that the envisaged objectives of the schemes have been achieved.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development has disigned the following major schemes for poverty allevation, employment generation and overall development of the rural areas

i. Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

ii. Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

iii. National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP)

iv. Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

v. .Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

vi. Watershed Development Programmes (Integrated Wasteland Development Programme, Drought Prone Area Programme and Desert Development Programme).

vii. Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)

viii. Swajaldhara

ix. Central Rural Sanitation Programmes (CRSP)/Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)

These schemes are implemented by the State Governments.

(c) and (d) No physical target has been fixed by the Ministry of Rural Development for various schemes except for IAY Under IAY as against the targets of 13.14 lakhs and 14.84 lakhs dwelling units, 15.37 lakhs and 13.55 lakhs houses have been constructed during 2002-03 and 20,03-04 respectively.

Ministry of rural Development has put in place a comprehensive monitoring mechanism to get regular feedback on the implementation of various schemes. State Governments have been impressed upon the need to take immediate corrective measures wherever shortcomings are found in implementation of the schemes. Guidelines are also being laid to ensure financial discipline and to achieve the objectives of the schemes.

Rural Development

51. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people employed during the last five years in rural areas under various income generation/rural employment schemes implemented by Government; and

(b) the funds allocated under those schemes to the Tamil Nadu during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements two major schemes namely Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to provide self and wage employment opportunities to the families living below the poverty line in rural areas Under SGSY a total number of 46.00 Lakh Swarozgaris have been assisted and 31652.09 Lakh mandays employment has been created under SGRY during the last five years *(i.e.* from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004).

(b) The Central allocation to the State of Tamil Nadu under SGSY was Rs. 19362.70 Lakh and Rs. 84231.44 Lakh under the SGRY during the last five years *(i.e.* from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004).

Landless persons in the Country

T52. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The State-wise total number of landless persons in the country;

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